

CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Bridgestone Sports Co., Ltd. and Bridgestone Golf, Inc.

(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)
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DEFENDANTS

Acushnet Company

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF
AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III) |

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES
(For Diversity Cases Only)

	PTF	DEF	PTF	DEF	
Citizen of This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

IV. ORIGIN

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Original Proceeding | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Removed From State Court | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Remanded From Appellate Court | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Reinstated or Reopened | Transferred From
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 another district (specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Multidistrict Litigation | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgement |
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V. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance	PERSONAL INJURY	PERSONAL INJURY	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment
<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane	<input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Med Malpractice	<input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157	<input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust
<input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks or Banking	
<input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument	<input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault Libel & Slander	<input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc	
<input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgement	<input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers Liability	PERSONAL PROPERTY	<input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation	
<input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud	<input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations	
<input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl Veterans)	<input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending	<input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service	
<input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage	<input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/ Exchange	
<input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholder Suits	<input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410	
<input type="checkbox"/> 180 Other Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury		<input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability			<input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act	
REAL PROPERTY	CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters	
<input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation	<input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting	<input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence	<input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act	
<input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure	<input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment	HABEAS CORPUS:	<input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act	
<input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	<input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/ Accommodations	<input type="checkbox"/> 530 General	<input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice	
<input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land	<input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty	<input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes	
<input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions	
<input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property		<input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights		
		<input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition		
			PROPERTY RIGHTS	
			<input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent	
			<input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark	
			LABOR	SOCIAL SECURITY
			<input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)
			<input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)
			<input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))
			<input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI
			<input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation	<input type="checkbox"/> 866 RSI (405(g))
			<input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl Ret Inc Security Act	FEDERAL TAX SUITS
			<input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)	<input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)
			<input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS - Third Party	<input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)
				<input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))
				<input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI
				<input type="checkbox"/> 866 RSI (405(g))

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE
DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY)

Patent infringement under 35 U.S.C. §271 and declaratory judgment under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2202.

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION
UNDER F.R.C.P. 23**DEMAND \$**

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: YES NO**VIII. RELATED CASE(S)** (See Instructions)
IF ANY

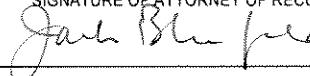
JUDGE _____

DOCKET NUMBER _____

DATE

March 7, 2005

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD



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RECEIPT # _____ AMOUNT _____ APPLYING IFP _____ JUDGE _____ MAG. JUDGE _____